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Applicants: David L. Rimm et al

Docket No.: H-1296(2) CPA

Serial No.: 08/976,886 CPA

Group: 1641

Filed: November 24, 1997

Examiner: C. Chin

For: "Method for the Detection, Identification, Enumeration and Confirmation of Circulating Cancer and/or Hematologic Progenitor Cells in Whole Blood"

AMENDMENT B

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Responsive to the Official Office Action dated August 16, 2000, the Notice of Allowance, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

In Claim 7, line 8, after "centrifugation", please insert --;--.

In Claim 13, line 9, please delete "hematopoetic" and insert --hematologic--.

REMARKS

The above amendment of Claim 7 is simply a grammatical amendment which makes the claim read more smoothly; and the amendment of Claim 13 renders the recitation of the type of progenitor cells consistant throughout the claims. These amendments do not change the scope of the allowed claims and should be entered. Early notice to that effect is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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